

ISTHMUS DECLARES FOR INDEPENDENCE

Republic of Panama Is Proclaimed and the City Is in Hands of the New Officials

The United States Recognizes the De Facto Government—Action Is in Accordance with Principles of Justice and Equity—Marines Landed from the Dixie.

Panama, Colombia, Nov. 4.—The independence of the Isthmus was proclaimed at 6 p. m. yesterday. A large and enthusiastic crowd of all political parties assembled and marched to the headquarters of the government troops, where Generals Tovar and Amaya, who arrived Tuesday morning, were imprisoned in the name of the republic of Panama. The enthusiasm was immense and at least 3,000 of the men in the gathering were armed.

Holds City of Panama. Panama, Nov. 5.—The provisional government of the new republic is in undisputed possession of the city of Panama. It has the public buildings, the army, the shore batteries, and the gunboat Padilla. The municipal police and fire departments are taking orders from the new republic.

The United States government has notified the provisional authorities here that they will not be permitted to use the railroad for carrying troops to attack Colon. Neither will the federal forces be allowed to use the line to attack Panama.

New Republic Recognized. Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States government has recognized the de facto government of Panama. It was announced at the state department after the return of Secretary Hay from the cabinet meeting, that instructions have been sent to United States Minister Beaupre, at Bogota (assuming that he has not left the capital yet), and to Mr. Ehrman, the United States vice consul at Panama and now acting consul there to inform the governments of Colombia and Panama respectively that the de facto government is recognized.

His Only Course. The secretary of state, in a statement in regard to recognition of the new republic, says: "The action of the president in the Panama matter is not only in the strictest accordance with the principles of justice and equity, and in line with all the best precedents of our public policy, but it was the only course he could have taken in compliance with our treaty rights and obligations."

Dixie Lands Troops. The navy department has received a cablegram from Commander Delano, of the Dixie, announcing his arrival at Colon, and that he has landed an adequate force of marines. The Dixie carries 400 marines. The cablegram states that the Colombian troops have evacuated and that the situation is quiet.

Events of the Day. The events of the day as developed here as to the situation on the isthmus were the recognition of the de facto government; receipt of dispatches from Commander Hubbard, of the Nashville; the arrival in Washington of Consul General Guder, of Panama, and the issuing of orders to Admiral Coghlan to proceed forthwith to the isthmus with the consul general.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Interesting Statistics Are Given in the Report of the Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, Nov. 5.—Mr. W. S. Shallenberger, second assistant postmaster general, has submitted his annual report of the postmaster general. It shows that the annual rate of expenditure for all classes of mail transportation service in this country is \$63,594,542 and that the rate of cost per mile traveled is \$12.89. There are 1,400 lines of traveling post offices, railroad, steamboat and electric car, covering 189,298 miles in length, with 10,555 employees. It is estimated that the railway postal clerks handled during the year 15,999,802,630 pieces of mail matter, exclusive of registered matter.

Bryan Loses. New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—Judge Livingston W. Cleaveland, of the probate court, handed down a decision in the Philo S. Bennett will case, holding that the secret letter directing Mrs. Bennett, the widow, to pay William J. Bryan \$50,000, was not a part of the will. The effect of this is to prevent Mr. Bryan from obtaining the money mentioned in the letter.

Appointment. Washington, Nov. 6.—The president appointed Daniel Thew Wright, of Cincinnati, to be justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, vice Justice Hagner, resigned. He also reappointed James A. Gill on the supreme bench of Indian Territory.

Destroyed by Forest Fire. Thorpe, Wis., Nov. 6.—Hollister Bros' lumber yard, six miles south of Thorpe, containing about 700,000 feet of lumber, was destroyed by forest fires early Thursday evening. The lumber was covered by insurance. The saw mill was saved.

Six Men Killed. Iona Island, N. Y., Nov. 5.—Six men were killed and ten slightly injured Wednesday afternoon by an explosion at the United States naval arsenal, one of the largest magazines in the United States, which is located here.

Estate Is Small. London, Nov. 6.—The estate of Sir Michael Herbert, late ambassador to the United States, was sworn to by his widow as amounting to \$39,620.

SAYS SHE WAS ABDUCTED.

Strange Story Is Told by a Girl who Mysteriously Disappeared from Her Home.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 7.—Miss Josephine Coffin, the 17-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in East Orange, N. J., arrived in Omaha early Friday and is at the home of her cousin, a Miss Ward, of this city, who is a relative of the wife of Postmaster Grow. According to the story told by Miss Coffin, she was abducted while under a hypnotic spell by a man and woman, both strangers. The woman, she says, met her on the street in East Orange, and exacted a promise from Miss Coffin that she would meet her at a certain place in East Orange. She could not resist the woman's influence, and kept the appointment. She was met by a man, who placed her in a carriage and took her to New York. After reaching the latter city, the young woman says she lost her memory, and knew nothing of her whereabouts until the strange woman aroused her in Chicago. It was not until she reached Cedar Rapids that Miss Coffin realized what had happened to her, and she telegraphed her relatives in this city to meet her, which they did. What the motive for the kidnaping was the girl cannot tell.

TROUBLE EXAGGERATED.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs Receives News Regarding Recent Fight with Indians.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The commissioner of Indian affairs Wednesday received the following telegram from Indian Agent Brennan, who is at Newcastle, Wyo.:

"Report of Indian trouble here exaggerated. From best information at hand, 35 miles north of Lusk a fight occurred between officers and some 20 Indians, some of them from Pine Ridge. Seven Indians, including one squaw, killed, also sheriff and one deputy. About ten Indian families under arrest here; will start them for agency to-morrow. In my opinion a mistake was made in precipitating the fight. Would recommend that United States attorney of this district be directed to act on behalf of department, make a thorough investigation. Am assured by officers of this county that no further trouble will occur."

The Indian officers sympathize with the view that the whites were the aggressors, and will recommend to Secretary Hitchcock that he ask the attorney general to have the affair investigated as recommended by Mr. Brennan.

STORY IS DENIED.

Father of Young Wentz, Missing Millionaire, Says Report of Demand for Ransom Is Untrue.

Bristol, Tenn., No. 7.—"No new developments. Deny emphatically all rumors. My son is yet missing and there is no clue to his whereabouts." This is what Dr. J. S. Wentz, father of Edward L. Wentz, who disappeared near Big Stone Gap four weeks ago last Wednesday, said when asked for a statement. Dr. and Mrs. Wentz arrived in Bristol Friday from Big Stone Gap, where they have been since a few days after the mysterious disappearance of their son. They left at night for Philadelphia. Reports that the family of the missing man had received a postal card from the alleged kidnapers of young Wentz were exploded by the fact that the father and mother were leaving for their home. The rumors current that the kidnapers were holding the young man for a ransom of \$100,000 are most emphatically denied.

BOILER EXPLODES.

Fatal Accident Occurs at Agricultural College at Columbus, O.—Engineer Is Killed.

Columbus, O., Nov. 7.—While students of the agricultural college at the Ohio state university were witnessing the harvesting of a field of corn for ensilage purposes by a machine, operated by an old traction engine shortly before ten o'clock Friday, the boiler blew up. The hurling pieces of iron tore through the crowd of students. The engineer, Charles Pepper, was blown about 50 feet from the engine and his body was terribly mangled by the debris and scalded by the hot water from the boiler. Eight persons were injured.

Prof. Vernon H. Davis, assistant professor in horticulture, had his hand badly cut and mashed.

New Trial Granted.

Youngstown, O., Nov. 7.—The circuit court has granted a new trial to Michael Schiller, now in the Ohio penitentiary under sentence to be electrocuted November 10 for the murder of his wife, because the court below, in instructing the jury, neglected to say that a recommendation for mercy would mean life imprisonment without hope of pardon. The state will appeal to the supreme court.

Showed Their Feeling.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 7.—Showing the depth of resentment over the success of the United States in the Alaska boundary matter, during the performance of a minstrel troupe here the music of the American anthem was vigorously hissed. When the flag formed itself in the stage lights, the expressions of dissent became so loud that the curtain was hastily rung down.

Buried in Woodlawn.

New York, Nov. 4.—The body of Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, the Salvation Army leader who was killed in the Santa Fe wreck at Dean Lake, Mo., was buried in Woodlawn cemetery in Brooklyn.

Parks Sentenced.

New York, Nov. 7.—Sam Parks has been sentenced to two years and three months in Sing Sing prison. This sentence was passed on the charge of extorting \$500 from the Tiffany studios.

MET DEATH IN A BURNING MINE

The Terrible Disaster Occurs in the Kearsarge Mine Near Virginia City, Mont.

Nine Men Known to Have Lost Their Lives in the Shaft, Among Them the Superintendent, Who Gave His Life for Others—Names of Those Who Perished.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 7.—A Virginia City special to the Miner says fire in the Kearsarge mine, six miles from Virginia City, killed nine men. The damage to surface buildings is slight. Among the dead is Superintendent R. B. Turner, of Butte, one of the best known mining men in the northwest. Four bodies have been recovered.

The Victims. The dead are R. B. Turner, superintendent of the Kearsarge mine; George Allen, stationary engineer; John Tobin, James Powers, Edward Lahredy, William Fleming, Robert Donnelly and two unknown men, all miners. All the dead miners are from Butte and were single men. The Kearsarge is one of the principal gold mines of the state, and is considered very valuable. It is operated by the Alder Mining company.

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THE NEW GOVERNOR OF PANAMA.

[By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.]



"Say, Boy, See If There's Anybody Out There That Wants a Treaty Signed."

for his men. He was at breakfast and partially dressed when the alarm came. Dashing into the house in his shirt sleeves, with another miner whose name has not been learned, Turner made his way into the main tunnel. Here they found everything ablaze. They groped their way down and dragged out five bodies, including Tobin's. In a second attempt they did not come out and were later brought forth dead by the rescuers, the man who so heroically aided Turner perishing with him.

Inquest Held.

As soon as the news reached Virginia City every one hurried to Summit County Attorney Duncan and Acting Coroner N. D. Johnson, who started out to hold an inquest on John Tobin, remained to perform a like duty over the bodies of the others. Superintendent Turner had a wife and one child, a boy, who were living at the mine.

Two Killed by Gas Explosion.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—An explosion of gas in a pit at the repair shops of the Pennsylvania railroad here Friday killed William Skiles, aged 18, and Stewart R. Brett, aged 30, almost instantly. The men were at work in the pit repairing a hydraulic jack, when the gas formed from chemicals used in operating the jack ignited from a lighted torch. Both men were terribly burned.

Sent to Prison.

St. Louis, Nov. 7.—Charles Weisman, one of the vice presidents of the Hebrew Jefferson club, was sentenced by Judge Adams in the United States district court to serve three years in the state penitentiary and to pay a fine of one dollar for his connection with the fraudulent naturalization of aliens in the St. Louis court of appeals.

No Good Roads Legislation.

Washington, Nov. 6.—After seeing President Roosevelt Thursday, W. H. Moore, president of the National Good Roads association, stated that no serious efforts would be made at the coming session of congress to secure federal good roads legislation.

Emperor to Participate.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—Emperor William's schooner yacht Meteor will go to the United States in the spring to take part in the ocean yacht race for the Emperor's cup.

Sawmill Burned.

La Crosse, Wis., Nov. 7.—The N. B. Howay sawmill, in this city, was totally destroyed by fire between four and six o'clock Friday morning. The loss is \$65,000; insurance half that amount.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Ohio Gives a Large Republican Plurality—Massachusetts Successful in New York—Ohio Wins.

Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—The republican plurality in Ohio is about 115,000 for governor and the majority in the legislature on joint ballot for senator is 93. The counties carried by the democrats were all in the rural districts; all of the larger cities being in the counties that gave republican pluralities.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 5.—Unofficial estimates place Gov. Cummins' plurality over J. B. Sullivan, democratic candidate for governor, at 75,000. Gov. Cummins ran somewhat ahead of the remainder of the republican state ticket. The democrats will have 33 of the 100 members of the next house, a gain of six, and eight of the 50 members of the senate, a loss of two.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 6.—Complete returns of the vote cast on Tuesday for state treasurer give Mathues (rep.), 513,672; Hill (dem.), 228,611; Mathues' plurality, 285,151. For auditor general, Snyder (rep.), 500,411; Dewalt (dem.), 236,505; Snyder's plurality, 263,906.

New York, Nov. 5.—George B. McClellan (dem.) will be the next mayor of Greater New York, having defeated Mayor Seth Low for reelection by a plurality of 63,617. The state gave a majority of nearly 250,000 in favor of the proposition that the state shall spend \$101,000,000 for improving its canals.

Boston, Nov. 5.—With the exception of the falling off in the socialist vote, the election in Massachusetts very nearly paralleled that of last year. Gov. John

MORE BODIES ARE IN THE SCHOOLS

The Average Daily Attendance Is the Largest That Has Ever Been Reported.

For the Entire Country It Reached the Total of 10,000,000—The Entire Enrollment Is 13,000,000—Interesting Statistics from Report of Commissioner of Education.

Washington, Nov. 4.—The report of the commissioner of education for the last fiscal year places the total number of pupils enrolled in the common schools during the year at 15,255,287, or over 20 per cent. of the entire population. The average daily attendance for 1902 was 10,395,273, being 69 per cent. of the total number enrolled. This is the largest average attendance on the number enrolled ever reported in the United States. The actual average number of days attended by each pupil enrolled reached 100 days, which was 22 days in excess of that of 1870.

Average School Term. The average school term for the first time in the history of the United States reached 145 days. The average monthly wages of teachers for 1902 were \$49 for men and about \$40 for women. Less than 28 per cent. of the teachers were men, or 123,392 out of a total of 489,596.

The private schools are tabulated at 1,103,901 for the elementary schools and 168,636 for academies and other secondary schools.

Total Enrollment. The total enrollment for the year, including public and private, elementary, secondary and higher education, was 17,460,000 pupils, and to this there should be an addition made for evening schools, business schools, private kindergartens, Indian schools, state schools for defectives, orphans, etc., 630,840, making a grand total of 18,090,840 in general and special schools. The increase in the length of the school term to 145 days is due to the growth of cities and large villages. The school year includes 200 days in nearly all of the large cities and 180 days in the majority of the villages. The average schooling of the entire population is placed at 1,032 days.

Value of Property. The public high schools enrolled 75 per cent. of the entire number of secondary students. The value of the school property of the high schools of the United States amounted to nearly \$125,000,000; that of private schools of the same grade amounted to about \$65,000,000. About one-half of the private schools are controlled by religious denominations.

PAYNE MAKES REPORT.

Postmaster General Says an Appropriation of \$1,511,000 Is Needed During Next Fiscal Year.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Postmaster General Payne, in his estimates forwarded to the treasury for transmission to congress for appropriations needed during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, calls for an aggregate of \$168,085,770 for the postal service, and \$1,511,000 for the post office department proper at Washington, including salaries of clerks, rents of buildings, etc., here. The deficit for the year ending June 30, 1905, is estimated at \$8,613,709. The appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1904, was \$153,511,550; and the estimated revenue for that year is \$140,304,643. The estimated revenue for 1905 is \$159,450,065.

HAD A CLOSE CALL.

Desperate Attempt to Assassinate Capt. Ewen, Principal Witness in Kentucky Feud Trial.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 4.—Twelve shots were fired at Capt. R. J. Ewen, the star witness in the feud cases recently tried in Breathitt county, as he passed along the dark end of Walnut street Tuesday night. The shots were fired from a blind alley. One went through his hat and another through the lapel of his coat, but none of them touched him. He was walking along with Judge W. H. Mann, at whose home he is stopping, and the judge had just crossed the alley in front of Ewen when the firing began.

Judge Kills Farmer.

Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 7.—Magistrate Elijah Upton Friday shot and killed Tom Stewart, a well-to-do farmer at Richlandville, in this county. The shooting was the result of the issuing of a warrant by Squire Upton for Stewart's arrest, upon the application of the latter's son, following a quarrel over politics.

Strikers Return to Work.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Nov. 6.—The striking laborers on the Power plants have returned to work, accepting a dollar and a half a day, and the strike is over. The militia on guard here have been ordered home.

Iowa Bank in Trouble.

Sibley, Ia., Nov. 5.—Judge Gaynor, on application of the stockholders appointed W. R. Ady receiver of the Sheldon State bank of Sheldon. The assets are about \$225,000, liabilities about \$175,000.

Peep Caught.

San Francisco, Nov. 6.—The whaling bark Alice Knowles has just arrived here with only 1,870 barrels of oil. The captain reports the loss of seven big whales and two boats smashed during the cruise.